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SUBJECT: ASTM Subcommittee F15.45 for Candle Products

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SOURCE OF LOG ENTRY: Allyson Tenney, ESME

LOCATION: Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee

CPSC ATTENDEES: Allyson Tenney, ESME

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES: ASTM F 15.45 members and other interested parties.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The meeting of American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Subcommittee F 15.45 for Candle Products was conducted by Chairman Jim Becker.

Following introductions of all attendees and approval of the minutes and agenda, an update on each task group was provided to the group. The task groups working on labeling, terminology, and lead wicks did not report because they have either had little activity, have recently published standards or have suspended activities due to pending CPSC regulatory action.

The chairman of the **Fire Data Task Group** updated the group on data obtained from the NEISS and IPII databases and CPSC in-depth investigations. Current marketing information and sales trends were also presented.

Linda Allison, chairman of the **Task Group on Glass Containers**, reported that the group is addressing two specific issues relating to scratch test safety and thermal shock failure level in preparation for balloting the glass container standard. The group is planning to discuss the topics during an October conference call and November meeting. They are planning to ballot the standard in November, 2001.

George Pappas of the **Task Group on Smoking** discussed the need for a simple, inexpensive test. The group is still considering both the glass slide method and the optical densitometer method. Round robin testing is expected to begin shortly so that it can be completed in time for the group to ballot a recommend test method by the next meeting.

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Draft standards developed by the **Task Group on Candle Fire Safety** were discussed and distributed to the group for comments. Comments on the draft standards for addressing the "flammability of candles holders, rings, and candle accessories," "secondary ignition," "candle stability," and "candle flame height measurement" are due to Jim Becker by November, 2001 so that they can be evaluated at the task group's next meeting in December, 2001.

A discussion of the recently completed U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Candle Fires Pilot Study and CPSC Candle Fires Report, due out next year, followed. The CPSC pilot study summarizes data obtained from 83 in-depth investigations collected between August, 2000 and March, 2001. Copies of the report are available from the CPSC's Office of the Secretary. The group is interested in both reports to support their efforts in developing voluntary candle standards.

The next meeting of ASTM Subcommittee F 15.45 will be Friday, October 12 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC.